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TODAY:

Mostly cloudy with a high of 39 and a low of 22.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 50 and a low of 30.

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Mostly cloudy with a high of 59 and a low of 24.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 55 and a low of 28.

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Katie Gorder

Cars Vandalized On Campus

By RYAN HANNI

News Editor

Around 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, junior Katie Gorder trudged down to her car in the Sunken Road lot only to discover that someone had tampered with the vehicle in an attempt to steal it.

"When I got to my car I saw that the door was unlocked and that there was a hammer lying in the passenger seat and a screwdriver lying on the floor," Gorder said.

Two days prior to Gorder's report to the Mary Washington College Police, another student, whom police would not identify, reported to college police that his car had been broken into as well. The student also found tools in his car that the intruder had used to try to start the car.

Mary Washington College Police suspect that both attempted car thefts occurred late on the night of Saturday, Jan. 13 or early the following morning.

Lt. Richard Knick is investigating the cases and currently has two suspects under investigation. While college police have interviewed the suspects, they have not made any arrests.

"We have some suspicious persons in the area that night that we now have under investigation that are not affiliated to the campus," Knick said. "Hopefully we will be able to make an arrest this week. We believe that the two attempted car thefts occurred sometime relative to one another based on the items left behind."

The Sunken Road lot, located down the hill behind Mercer Hall, is designated parking for on-campus juniors and seniors. Because of the

lot's far-off location, many students don't feel safe walking there alone at night.

Junior Paul DiPlacidi, a resident assistant in Alvey Hall, parks his car in the Sunken Road lot and feels the lot is remote and should be equipped with better surveillance.

"I'm sure that [the police] make several rounds down there at night, but they should get some video cameras set up or something because it is very desolate down there at night and there are never many people down there," DiPlacidi said. "Most other lots are adjacent to their respective dorms, but Sunken lot seems very removed from campus because of its downhill location."

Lt. Knick assures students that the lot is patrolled frequently throughout the day and during nighttime hours.

"During the day and night officers patrol the lot by foot, car and bike to keep an eye on the cars and to make sure that nothing unusual is going on," Knick said. "The emergency phones and blue lights are also in the parking lot to ensure student safety."

Gorder believes that because the perpetrators left behind an entire toolbox, there may have been someone in the lot who scared them away.

"The fact that they left their stuff behind means that they were probably scared away by someone coming, so that makes me feel better," Gorder said. "The only things that they actually got away with were my Walkman and \$3 of my toll money."

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Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Officer Chris Jacobs patrols the Sunken Road parking lot.

Students Lobby Legislature In Richmond

By JASON SMITH

Assistant News Editor

After many months of challenging underfunding, the college may be one step closer to getting key financial needs and shooting down a controversial in-state/out-of-state student ratio quota thanks to the lobbying efforts of the Virginia Student Leadership Alliance (VSLA) in Richmond.

On Monday, five Mary Washington College students joined representatives from other Virginia public colleges on a trip to the state capital, with Legislative Action Committee chair John Lydon spearheading the college's presence.

The statewide student alliance was lobbying for two increased funding bills and lobbying against a bill requiring colleges to maintain a ratio of the in-state and out-of-state students.

Last year, VSLA successfully wrote and lobbied for a bill to place student representatives on every public college Board of Visitors in the state last year.

"Last year we actually formed a bill and lobbied it," Lydon said. "This

year we didn't see a need for that, there was nothing pressing. So what we did was try and bring in a lot of bills that dealt with students across Virginia and tried to decide which ones all schools could get behind."

Two members from the college's Legislative Action State Subcommittee, Kirsten Barnum and Christopher Winslow, were part of

the lobbying effort, as well as Legislative Action National Subcommittee member Lindsay Moorhead, and Legislative Action Local Committee member John Messinger.

The two funding bills allocate \$900 million and \$671 million

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Courtesy of John Lydon

John Messinger, Kirsten Barnum, and John Lydon meet with MWC alum Sen. Todd Puller (D) in Richmond.

Students Protest Inauguration

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH

Assistant Sports Editor

Twenty members of the Mary Washington College Human Rights Club traveled to Washington, D.C. on Saturday to greet President George W. Bush during his inauguration parade. The greeting, however, was one that Bush would probably prefer to forget as the students joined the throng of protesters lining the parade route.

Carrying signs that read, "Execute Justice, Not People," "Stop U.S. Imperialism," "Represent People, Not Corporations," and "Democracy: Where Do You Want To Go Today?," the students displayed their opposition to numerous American policies and practices, including the death penalty, aid to Israel and what they see as the growing influence of corporations in American politics.

"It was still just amazing to see that there were people all uniting in the same cause of not wanting Bush in office and knowing there are things that need to be reformed," club member Betsy Tidd, a freshman, said.

Although the group protested Bush's inauguration, the planning for the protest began in November before the winner of the election was known.

"Gore and Bush are saying the same



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Students were among the thousands who protested George W. Bush's inauguration.

things," Laura Keyser, a junior, said.

on the death penalty, and other issues.

"The main force of the message that the protesters are trying to get across is the anti-death penalty message,"

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SGA Holds Hearing On New Constitution

By MATT LOWE

Assistant News Editor

On Monday the Student Government Association held a public hearing to review the group's newly proposed constitution. The SGA has faced several problems with its current constitution which has been in use for the last eight years. By passing the new constitution, the SGA hopes to reduce confusion caused by the current constitution and operate more effectively.

However, the low turnout at the meeting showed the student body's lack of interest in the proposed constitution, some SGA officials said.

"I'm slightly disappointed that the turnout was small tonight," Brooke Dunbar, SGA vice president and senior, said.

The major changes the SGA wants to make are:

"The Judicial Review Board will be the sole interpreter of the SGA Constitution instead of the three bodies who currently interpret SGA issues.

"Senate and other SGA Committees will create their own bylaws, allowing them to depend less on the Executive Cabinet for day-to-day operations.

▼ The rules and procedures in the constitution for the committees (i.e. Giant Productions and the Film Committee).

The hearing was held so that students could "look over the [new] constitution and work out any kinks that anyone might have," Kelly Turcic, SGA president, said.

One problem the SGA faced with its present constitution was the implementation of amendments. Currently, an amendment can be added to the constitution within two weeks of its proposal. This system allowed the constitution to contradict itself and its intent, some in the SGA feel.

Under the proposed constitution, an amendment will first be passed by the Senate and Executive Cabinet. Then, more than half of the student body must vote on the issue for it to become an official amendment. This replaces the present system which does not require turnout minimum.

Ad-hoc committees will be formed by the SGA vice president to deal with pressing issues after the vice president.

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Icy Weather Leads To Injuries

By KATIE MCNULTY

Staff Writer

The recent winter weather has produced icy conditions around campus, causing ordinary walkways and steps to become hazardous.

Junior Laura Kelaher was injured as she tried going down the marble steps from Seacock Hall.

"My feet came out right from under me," Kelaher said. "I made sure not to move until I was positive that no serious damage had been done. I sat there and regrouped for a while."

After returning to her room, she called the nurse hotline that takes medical advice available for students after the health center has closed.

"They were really nice. They offered good advice and told me if the pain got any worse to go to Mary Washington Hospital," Kelaher said.

Kelaher's pain intensified as the evening continued, forcing her to go to the emergency room. After waiting for an extended period of time, she was told that her injuries included a sprained wrist, bruised

shoulder and bruised lower back.

John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, explained which areas on campus are cleared of ice during the winter months.

"Typically, major areas of high traffic are given priority with other areas being treated later," Wiltenmuth said. "Steps, of course, are areas in which the chance of a fall is increased. Not all steps can be treated simultaneously. When a particularly dangerous situation is identified we will close the area until it can be treated."

Although high-traffic areas are treated when icy, some students are still concerned about their safety.

"The efforts [Facility Services] do make are hardly effective," Kelly Shea, a junior, said. "These stairs are still slippery, even though they've put ice melt on them. They need to pay attention to that."

Shea said that because most

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SGA Moves Toward Vote On New Constitution

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amendment process is changed.

The new constitution also proposes to reduce the number of committees in the SGA from eight to four. This will require each member of the Senate to be a member of a committee.

"With so many committees and a relatively small senate, this leaves each committee with a small number of members," sophomore Rebecca Cole, SGA secretary, said.

Although the new constitution will not be in the student handbook next year, the SGA will distribute copies to students.

The seniors who are on the SGA said they feel that it is their duty to improve the constitution. Because they are graduating this year, they decided to create an attachment to the constitution that better explains the changes.

"We feel we need to let [future SGA officials] have an understanding where we were coming from when we made these changes," Turcic said.

The final changes will be made to the constitution this week. The new draft will go to the Senate on Feb. 2. Because it is considered a major



John Lydon and Kelly Turcic discuss changes to the SGA constitution.

motion, it will be tabled for one week and then voted on Feb. 9. If the constitution passes, the Executive Cabinet of the SGA will vote on it. If passed by the SGA, the student body will vote on it Feb. 28.

Some in the SGA hope that 2,000 students will vote, about 1,000 more than during normal campus-wide voting.

But since many students

did not show up for the public hearing, it is questionable whether the SGA will get the predicted 1,000 extra votes.

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Giant Productions Scales Back On Large Concerts

By KRISTEN MANGUS

Associate Editor

Jen Rice, a senior, vividly remembers when the Indigo Girls came to play at Mary Washington College her freshman year. Rice and a group of friends camped out with hundreds of other students for tickets.

"The whole thing was crazy, it was sold out," Ticketmaster showed up at Mary Washington," Rice said.

In recent years, Giant Productions, the main student entertainment committee on campus, has been able to bring big name bands like the Violent Femmes, Rusted Root, and Wyclef Jean to campus.

However, it has been more difficult for Giant Productions to book the larger, big name bands this year. Beside being underbudget by \$10,000, mounting concerns about the condition of Dodd Auditorium have added to the constraints governing finances, facility capability, and space availability that

Giant Productions has always faced when scheduling events.

"Dodd is such an old place, and we have to keep the crazier concerts out of there," said Rachel Scar, co-chair of Giant. "It is mainly for family-type shows. We have never had people jumping around in there like they did at the Wyclef Jean concert."

According to Jamie Darcy, co-chair of Giant, the rules about what types of shows can be held in Dodd have recently become more strict.

Concerns about damage to the auditorium have risen since the Wyclef Jean concert last year. At that show, people were packing into aisles and dancing on chairs, both of which are fire code violations.

"If we could get people to be calm, there wouldn't be a problem. But of course, that's no fun," Darcy said.

Dodd, the largest venue on campus, was built in 1939. It is a theatre with fixed seating and has 1,602 seats. However, once the

equipment for the band is considered, and the blocked view seats are accounted for, the capacity drops to 1,400, according to Tami Goodstein, director of student activities.

The Great Hall and the Underground are the only other two indoor venues that are capable of hosting concerts, and both have a smaller capacity than Dodd. According to Scar, the Great Hall can hold 650 people, while the Underground has a capacity limit below 200 people.

Outdoor concerts offer a larger amount of space, but according to Goodstein, open-air shows "tend to be a different animal altogether." There are issues of security and noise ordinance violations that come with these concerts because they offer a greater level of access to the general public. In addition to these problems, many bands will not contract for outdoor concerts without a written guarantee that they will be covered in case of rain or other bad

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Slippery Steps Responsible For Many Falls On Campus

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stairways on campus are made of marble and granite, those surfaces are more slippery when icy.

"They need to be more on top of the ice removal because those surfaces are slippery enough when wet, and they are the fastest surfaces to freeze when the temperature drops," Shea said.

Students are not the only people who were recently hurt by the ice on campus. Papa John's employee Patrick McMillion was delivering a pizza to Randolph Hall when he slipped on the icy stairs that lead to the front door.

"The students were very concerned about if I was all right. They were not at all upset about the dropped pizza," McMillion said. "Luckily, I was not

seriously hurt, but I told the students that someone really needs to do something about that ice. I know of at least two more pizza guys who have fallen and four other students as well."

Wittenmuth stressed the need for students to be cautious when they are outside during the winter months.

"The college takes reasonable and prudent efforts to reduce risks to the faculty, staff and visitors," he said. "However, individuals must ultimately be responsible for exercising good judgement on their own."

"It is physically impossible to clear every walk and set of steps before a student may decide to traverse a specific area."

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Patrick McMillion

Police Beat

By RYAN HAMM
News Editor



He was banned from campus.

▼ VANDALISM
Jan. 17—A four-letter profanity was scratched into the wall of the Mercer Hall elevator. Residence life staff has tried to cover up the profanity several times, but the covering has been repeatedly taken down. A work order has been sent to Facilities Services to have the word permanently removed.

Jan. 22—At 3:30 a.m., housekeeping reported that the visiting team locker room in Goolrick Hall had been vandalized. The showers had been left on and the toilets were clogged with toilet paper, which caused four inches of standing water in the locker room. Housekeeping is still assessing the cost of damage.

▼ TRESPASSING
Jan. 16—Jonathan Bumpers, 18, of Springfield, Va. was caught trespassing on campus at 4:12 p.m. while soliciting names and social security numbers for credit card applications. Bumpers had not received approval to solicit on campus.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jan. 17—A red and blue Raleigh bicycle that registered with campus police was stolen from campus near the Document Center. The bicycle was not secured. Jose Ballie, 38, was allegedly found late that day in Old Mill Park with possession of the stolen property and was arrested. Ballie is also facing several other charges.

Students Unsure About The Safety Of Their Cars

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Gorder, who got her car in November as a birthday present, could not start the car because the ignition switch had been damaged by the perpetrators. After having her car towed, and having the ignition switch replaced, Gorder had to pay \$382.45 out of her own pocket.

"I worked for that money for a month and lost it all because some punk decided to maim my car," Gorder said.

The would-be thieves gained access to Gorder's car through a window she had left cracked.

Gorder said that she was pleased with college police and Officer James Snipes, who responded to her call reporting the break-in.

"He was really great," Gorder said. "He checked the car thoroughly, took pictures, and dusted for prints. I was actually really impressed by the way that he police handled it."

The police sent the tools involved in both cases away to a local forensics lab for examinations.

Knick said that car theft attempts are uncommon on campus and that he cannot recall the last time an

attempted car theft occurred.

"Normally the only problems we see are people breaking into cars to steal CD players, but we usually don't see problems to this degree," Knick said. "We always try to make students mindful that if they have a vehicle here and they are not driving it daily, they need to make periodic checks on them and don't leave valuables in them."

Knick added that students can use the emergency phones on campus to report suspicious individuals immediately.

As far as Gorder's situation goes, she thinks that all seems well.

"I'm not bitter. I've parked my car on campus for two years and this is the first time anything like this has happened," Gorder said. "I do feel wary of walking down those exorcist stairs to get to the lot at night by myself though."

She said the suspects were probably stupid. "I feel bad for the perpetrators, though, because it must suck to be an inept car thief dumb enough to leave their expensive tools under the car."

Katie Gorder

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Crashing Dubya's Party

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Junior Clay Templeton said,

"I just felt like this would be a good opportunity to really say what I want to say [against the death penalty]. Leta Choudhury, a sophomore, said,

The Human Rights Club began their journey early Saturday morning and arrived at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., where the International Action Center had a permit to protest human rights violations. About half of the Mary Washington College protesters stayed there and the other half joined other protest groups.

Some of the group went to Voter March, a group that was irate with the confusion caused by the 2000 presidential election.

"[Voter March] kind of turned into

a lot of angry Democrats who just wanted Gore as president," Kersley said. "That wasn't really why we were there. We would have been there whether Gore or Bush had won."

The students left Voter March after voicing support for Green party presidential candidate Ralph Nader. "All these people started glaring at us and saying 'No, that's why Gore lost!'" Tidd said.

The students then met up with Black Block, an anarchist group that was marching through the streets and chanting, "Whose streets? Our streets!" Some of the group returned to Freedom Plaza immediately, while others joined Black Block until there was a confrontation between the group and the police, at which point

club members decided to return to the International Action Center protest.

A few students stayed until President Bush passed by on the parade route, but because of the cold and rainy weather, many of the protesters dispersed and headed home. The lack of organization among many protests and the poor weather caused disappointments among some club members.

"It wasn't a fun experience," Templeton said. "Protesting can be fun, but in this case, it wasn't."

Despite the conditions, others still found the protest enjoyable.

"We were all kind of fighting hypothermia," Tidd said. "It was cold and it was confusing, but I liked it."



D.C. Metropolitan Police patrol the inaugural parade route along Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Viewpoints

your opinions

Let's Make It Two

For 15 years, Mary Washington College was fortunate to have one of America's greatest civil rights pioneers teaching students about the civil rights struggle in America based on his own firsthand knowledge.

To commemorate Farmer's legacy to America and the college, construction began recently on a memorial to Farmer on Campus Walk. In light of the recent attempts by the college administration to drown out concerns about multiculturalism and diversity at the college, the Board of Visitors' decision to erect the monument should be applauded. Hopefully, students will remember for years to come Farmer's message and why it is important.

Another person integral to the history of the college is Mary Ball Washington. Unfortunately, unlike Farmer, the college does nothing to promote Mary Washington and her importance to the nation. Few if any students know much about Mary Washington beyond the fact that she was George Washington's mother.

Mary Washington College is historically a women's college, but some in the administration view that fact as a liability to the college. They want more male students at any cost, and have even proposed changing the college's name to attract men who otherwise would be afraid to attend a college named after a woman.

Clearly, those are not the types of males the college should be trying to attract. It's time that after decades of neglect, Mary Washington be celebrated on this campus. A physical monument or memorial to Mary Washington should be erected on our campus and the contributions Mary Washington made to the nation and Fredericksburg should be highly touted by the institution bearing her name.

Pass The Salt

With last weekend's icy conditions, several students and even pizza deliverers were injured after slipping and falling on ice steps on campus.

John Wittenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, stressed that while Facilities Services tries its best to clear off snow and ice from slippery steps and sidewalks on campus, students and others walking around campus must be responsible for exercising good judgement to avoid falls. Wittenmuth is absolutely right, but Facilities is not absolved of all responsibility.

When snow or ice is forecasted, Facilities Services needs to be out in force before the precipitation starts, putting salt on dangerous areas. Unfortunately for Facilities Services and students holding out hope that even the faintest amount of bad weather might cause classes to be cancelled, last week's ice came on a weekend. That probably caused a delay in the response to the icy conditions.

Next time, the Facilities Services staff should be out in force early.

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Around Campus, Seek And Ye Shall Find Help

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The other night I dined with a small group of friends at Seacockeck. As we talked about our Christmas breaks and described everything Santa Claus brought us, one of my friends flipped through the stack of fliers that had already appeared on the table. Within this stack of fliers, she found a flyer recruiting students to work the Phone-a-thon. For those of you not familiar with the Phone-a-thon, students are paid to call alumni to solicit donations for Mary Washington College.

My friend read the flyer to everyone else at the table, but before she could finish another friend interrupted her. "Well, they better not call me because once I leave here, I'm not giving any more money to this school," she said.

An echo of "me neither" moved around the table followed by a discussion of why no one wanted to give money to a school that had given them a grade-A education.

They talked about problems that ranged from not being able to get to the classes they needed, to their difficulties with housing, to situations in which administrators simply didn't listen to them. They discussed the ineffectiveness of the Student Government Association, the apathetic student body, the lack of diversity on campus and professors with huge egos. Then they moved onto policies that didn't make sense and changes administration made without thought. Some talked in generalities but most of them talked about specific situations in which they found themselves.

What I found interesting about the conversation was that

FAST FACT:

All attempts of rightwing militia leader Bo Gritz to get abortion clinic bomber Eric Rudolph to surrender to authorities have failed.

almost every situation shared that evening worked out in the end. Solutions were found for all the problems that they had encountered, yet what stood out in everyone's memory was not that a solution had been found, but that the problem was never really resolved.

This made me think back to my own experiences at the college.

Like the time I had to drop a class because a professor wouldn't provide me with an opportunity to learn to lip read her, and I was told, "What do you expect? Your deafness makes you a burden to professors."

Or the threat of an honor code violation I received because I complained that Disability Services would not grant my request for an interpreter at a campus event that I was required to attend.

Or the two and a half years I sat in classrooms watching films and videos that weren't

captioned while people looked into the problem only to find out later that no one ever looked into the problem.

Like everyone else, my list goes on, and like everyone else, the problems on that list, I managed to solve the problems. However, the solution is not what sticks out in my mind. What I remember is that I was blamed, threatened and ignored when I had a problem.

But not all the experiences I remember at Mary Washington College are bad ones. Just recently, I had a lot of difficulty registering for the classes I need to graduate this May. The first problem I faced was that two of my three classes were closed, but the professors of those classes allowed me to force-add so the problem was solved, until I went back to the Registrar's Office to actually register for those classes. As the woman registered me for the classes I was force-adding, she discovered that someone

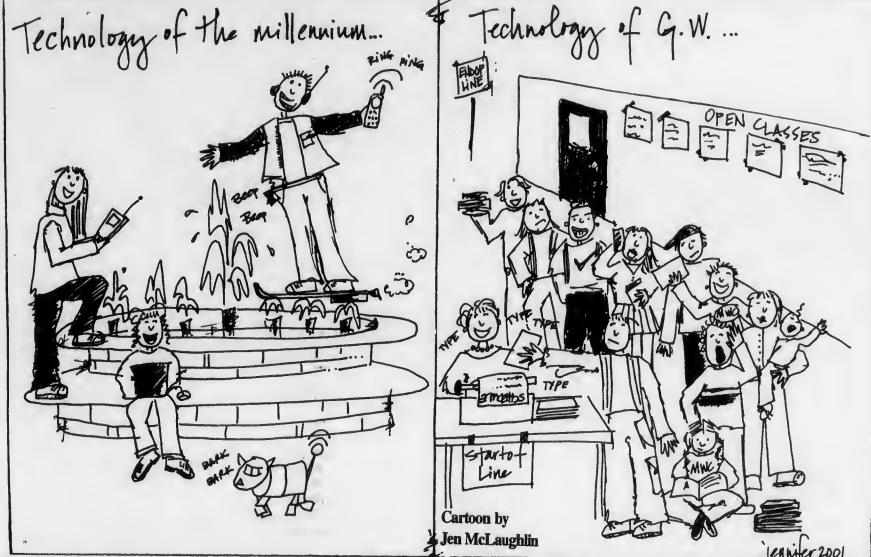
canceled the one class I had managed to get into.

Now, what sticks out in my mind about this situation is not that I had a problem or that it was quickly solved, but rather the woman who took the time to register me for my classes also took the time to ease the panic I felt at the sudden thought of not having the classes I needed to graduate. She offered me a warm smile and even apologized for the problem despite it not being, in any way, her fault. She listened to my fears and shared some ideas about possible solutions that I could explore.

She couldn't actually provide me with any of the solutions she suggested, but her efforts, which took no more than a few minutes, made me feel like someone was listening to me and that my concerns were important. She made me feel important.

Unfortunately, I can't remember her name, but I can remember her name, but I can

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We've got more letters and guest columns!
Read them on page 11.

Letters to the Editor

Students Should Stand Up To Sneaky Residence Life

Editor:

I write to command The Bullet and members of the college community for determination and vigilance in bringing the recent sneaky and evasive tactics of the Office of Residence Life and Housing to light.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing would prefer to make its policies safely in the conference rooms of Marye House without consulting students, parents or most anyone else with a vested interest in the practices of this institution.

However, as long as there are students who fight to gain awareness of the decisions that govern their stay at Mary Washington College, and as long as The Bullet keeps a close eye on these higher offices, such secrecy will hopefully be difficult to maintain.

Regardless of whether our

parents or we pay the bills, we are customers here, and as such deserve certain courtesies that the administration has failed to extend to us.

The fundamental problem with the Mary Washington College administration is that it is out of touch with the concerns of its students. Year after year, as we students face problems that are thrust upon us by the administration.

Those of us who are currently sophomores and juniors may well remember the difficulties involved in finding sophomore housing. Many of us may not have received lottery numbers in the past, and were either forced off campus or placed in undesirable living circumstances on campus at the last minute.

Now, in a new year, when we thought we were finally safe, the Office of Residence Life and Housing has decided to change its policy so that once again, we bear the costs

of the administration's foul-ups. Best of all, the office waited until the latest possible moment to make an announcement, making the search for off-campus housing all the more difficult.

Why are we never guaranteed housing that should be available to us? Because those who hold the power at this school are more concerned with the profits to come from the incoming class than they are about the well-being of the currently enrolled.

For three years now, the college has grossly over-enrolled its freshman class. This mistake happening once, possibly even twice, is understandable, but how in the world does the administration explain the fact that it has made no apparent attempts to resolve the pattern by changing its acceptance policy?

Furthermore, why has the Office of Residence Life and Housing made such blatant attempts to keep its plans behind closed doors? Could it be because they feared student protest and because they

wanted students to have the least possible amount of time to respond to its reprehensible action?

We already know that resident assistants across this campus defected from their Residence Life and Housing leadership and risked the wrath thereof because they felt a responsibility to their residents. I think we can all be thankful that someone felt so responsible.

We as students must stand up and let the administration know that we do not approve of its tactics. I encourage anyone with a complaint to write to or call the Office of Residence Life, Student Affairs or Student Life as soon as possible and to get parents to do the same.

It is only through our voices that we will be heard, otherwise, the administration will only continue to pass unjust policies that alienate the student community.

Caroline Wallinger
Junior

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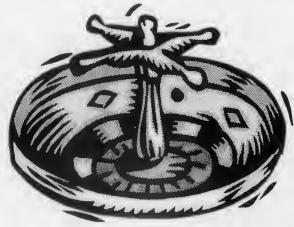
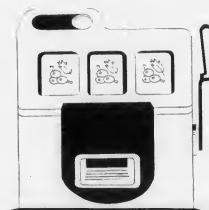
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Aquarius - Don't be surprised if some great ideas come to you without any conscious thought. You're very intuitive today.

Pisces - A deep and intense study of philosophy, religion, or other exalted school of thought might find you involved with a group which shares your interest in these subjects.

Aries - Sex and romance should be at the top of your list of priorities for today. You should be feeling especially warm, earthy, loving, and passionate.

Taurus - A lack of communication on the part of your mate, or perhaps a business partner, can cause doubts and uncertainty about the relationship to well up within you.

Gemini - A chance for a romantic encounter, or a fun evening with friends, could also come. Whatever pleasant things come your way today are not a sure thing.

Cancer - You're likely to be looking particularly attractive, and romantic partners - or potential romantic partners - could seem especially appealing to you.

Leo - A friend or family member could be feeling rather grim and taciturn, and not open to communication.

Virgo - A warm and loving phone call or letter could come your way today from a lover or close friend who is presently out of town.

Libra - The opportunity to make an investment, or cash in on one, could enable you to take long strides towards making your money grow.

Scorpio - You might wake up today feeling a little grumpy and out of sorts. By the middle of the day a warm and loving letter or phone call is likely to jerk you right out of your reclusive mood.

Sagittarius - Your progressive attitude is apt to inspire others to take a more educated approach to things. Don't get discouraged if you feel a bit weighed down.

Capricorn - Social events and group activities which you might attend today could be the most satisfying you've known in a long time - and the most beneficial.

Most of the groups present were Catholic,

FAST FACT:

For *The Grinch*, starring Jim Carrey, about 90 makeup artists were employed to apply face prosthetics, wigs and makeup on the numerous cast members. Each makeup job took from one to two hours to complete.

Stop In The Name Of Life

By SARAH LUCAS
Assistant Features Editor

Slogging through mud sucking greedily at our feet, I laboriously trudged alongside my companions in the March for Life, past Constitution Avenue toward the Capitol. Other victims of the insipid mud, laughed as an occasional foot rose shoe-less from the brown slop and strollers fought to overcome the vacuum-like suction.

Thousands of people were gathered at the foot of the Washington Monument last Monday, Jan. 22, stretching as far as I could see in every direction. Our feet frozen to the muddy ground, our faces nipped by the wind, we recited the pledge of allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, born and pre-born."

Everyone at this gathering had something in common—we were pro-life. We were part of the 28th annual March for Life, which takes place every year in Washington, D.C., on the anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. The goal of the march, and the pro-life movement as a whole, is to overturn Roe vs. Wade and ultimately add an amendment to the Constitution that would ban abortion.

As we made our way toward the rally we could see the Capitol, which was still hung with American flags for the inauguration of George W. Bush two days before. At a rally held near the monument, a chorale group sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which blared from the loudspeakers. Several marchers picked up small red signs in the shape of an octagon that read "STOP ABORTION NOW," which were lying in a box on the ground for the taking.

The crowd was a sea of signs: "Abortion Kills Children," "Defend Life," and "You can't be Christian and pro-choice."

Protestors objecting to the pro-life groups were divided on whether showing a picture of an aborted fetus is an effective argument, but for the most part, the marchers stayed away from the graphic images.

Freshman Liz Sjoberg was excited about her first time at the march and the overwhelming numbers of people who showed up. "It's great to see everybody here, with all their signs and everything," Sjoberg said. "It's great to see all the support for life."

Nellie Gray, president of the rally, Gray reported that 42 million abortions have been performed since Roe vs. Wade.

Marchers were predominantly white, including many teenagers and families with young children. There were hundreds of both men and women, but women appeared to dominate the scene. Based on the banners and the way most of the speakers mentioned God, nearly everyone at the march was religious.

but other religious groups were represented as well, including Lutherans for Life and Episcopalians for Life.

This was my second March for Life. I attended the march for the first time last year, one day before an impending snowstorm. Without the threat of snow this year, there

Sophomore Lawton Clites was attending his third March for Life.

"[The march] is really supportive of the pro-life movement and the people who are members of it," Clites said. "It's really affirming to see all these people out here for the same cause. I think it sends a clear message to the government, too."

President George W. Bush was invited to speak at the rally, but the organizers never heard from him.

Many of the marchers were elated at the election of a pro-life president.

Melissa Henson, a freshman at Northern Virginia Community College, said she voted for Bush in her first election because he is pro-life.

"This is the first year I ever voted, so I feel I should show my support for the thing I voted for," Henson said.

Many of the speakers also referred to the eight years under President Clinton as being a long, dark time during which almost no pro-life legislation was passed. Many of us saw the inauguration of President Bush, who calls himself pro-life, as hope for the movement.

The speakers praised Bush's promise to sign a ban on late-term abortion into law, adding that the American Medical Association has announced that the procedure is never medically necessary to save a mother's life.

Though Bush did not appear, he delivered a statement in writing that was read to the crowd. It expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the pro-life movement.

"We will work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law," the statement said.

"It's important to show the politicians in Washington that there's a large contingent of pro-lifers in this country, and that we care enough to come out and show that this is an important issue to us," Martin said.

Young people, mostly from church youth groups, made up a significant portion of the marchers, including a young man with spiky green hair and a patch on his shirt that read, "Abortion is mean."

There were loud cheers when a speaker asked the crowd how many of the marchers were under age 21. A young woman walked by our group with a sign that read, "Generation X for Life."

A recurring theme of the march was the idea that the young people are the hope for the future, to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

The street was packed curb-to-curb with people in a line that stretched as far as I could see in front of me and behind me. The stream of people kept moving, only interrupted once by a guy selling pretzels in the middle of the street. Our group did not march all the way to the Supreme Court because our bus was leaving at 3:15 p.m.

Although we only walked half an hour after standing in the cold and mud for three hours, we left the march feeling satisfied that we had done something worthwhile.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Lucas

Caring Baer

Editor's Note: The following is a former student's account of her continued presence. Bawdloren, Haitian Karen Baer, who graduated last spring, is working as an environmental concerns promoter in a rural Haitian community for the next three years. She is part of the Mennonite Central Committee staff, an organization committed to working with community members and helping them with various needs. Baer was featured in a previous Bullet article on Nov. 16, 2000.

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After hiking what we call mountain, I am sitting Karen Baer

by what now call my fighting tree and overlooking the village that at this moment, I struggle to call my home.

My fighting tree, now carved with my initials, is one of few pines that cover the deforested land of Bawdloren.

There's something strange that happens when you leave your own country and go somewhere so drastically different like Haiti. You are forced to figure out what exactly it is about you that remains after the United States of America skeleton is taken away.

There are parts of you that want to stand firm, that want to resist change. But the fight is so hard and stressful that you end up breaking. Branches which used to give meaning are stripped away, and you begin to feel purposeless.

It seems like nothing you've ever learned is applicable in your new life, and eventually, you are reduced to a stump that either simply remains an old stump, or like in Shel Silverstein's book, *The Giving Tree*, a chair for a little boy to take a rest.

I don't know what I expected in coming here. I can't say I expected this. I didn't expect to fight so hard to figure out my purpose in life here, but I continue to know that I am rooted in faith.

All that was deemed important is not necessarily important here. Maybe I will discover what it is that is uniquely Karen. Not the United States, not Haiti, but what all the things are that make up the various branches of me.

With that said, it's been a difficult several months since I last wrote in October. I think I just may have hit that wall people talk about with culture shock. I will share a few of my experiences.

One revealing instance was my first visit to the oceanfront.

Several co-workers and I toured the small "ghost town," Fort Liberty, about a three-hour drive from Bawdloren, with three young brothers.

As it was my first time to be so close to the ocean in Haiti, I picked up a shell, asking for the Kreyol translation. The middle brother of about / years wearing only shorts which were torn and frayed, looked at me innocently and explained that what I was holding was one of the stars of the sea.

When stars in the sky die, he continued, they fall and become stars of the ocean.

When we arrived home that evening to drop off some supplies at the local state health clinic, I heard the familiar voice of Gabi, a local boy who visits our house on a daily basis and rarely asks for a thing.

As I asked him about his day, about the market and school, he gave a big smile and reached a dirty hand up to the truck window to offer me the piece of bread with a little peanut butter he was eating.

These experiences have helped me to just give what I am capable of giving because it can have a greater impact than expected.

Fungus Among Us

Students Sound Off Sharing Bathroom Horror Stories



By KEVIN THOMPSON
Staff Writer

The problem first began when one of my suitemates asked, "Okay, who wants to clean the bathroom?"

Dead silence.

Of course nobody wanted to do it. Spraying Windex in the shower doesn't constitute a bang-up cleaning job, and anything more is too much work.

So, like any other form of procrastination, the longer you wait, the worse it gets. At first we figured when visitors complained about the bathroom, they were just being picky. Now I realize that all of those bathroom interventions had some meaning.

In a recent scheme, each suitemate offered a friend \$5 to clean the bathroom. She readily agreed.

And then she saw the bathroom.

Apparently \$25 wasn't enough for the trauma she might experience, so she notched it up to \$50.

Since we are all poor college kids, we had to turn the offer down and search for a lower bid.

One thing I have discovered through this whole ordeal is that no matter how bad you think your bathroom is, there is always someone else's that makes it look like a temple.

A freshman in Mason Hall, who asked not to be identified, said his bathroom is so dirty that his roommate

goes to Trinkle to use the bathroom.

Senior Lauren Glaettli, recalled an episode in the not-too-distant past when her bathroom was besieged by mascara.

"Mascara all over the mirror, the countertop, the faucet, the walls, the sink—it was like she was painting with her mascara," Glaettli said.

Sophomore Beth Mills can sum up a previous bathroom situation in four words "hair and roaches everywhere."

A resident of Randolph Hall laughed thinking about the time a friend of his drank a whole bottle of tequila and camped out on his bathroom floor.

Junior Virginia Henley also remembers her old bathroom.

"The bathroom was full of roaches," she said. "It was a sea of roaches!"

This, however, is not Henley's only story worth telling. Her friend, junior Jessica Collings, wasted little

time reminding her of the rainbow trout incident.

During a prank war, their friend Marc Jones, a sophomore, hid a dead trout behind the toilet of her bathroom. Not too long after, the smell began to grow. No one could figure out where it was coming from.

"I think Virginia cleaned the bathroom at least three times before they found out what it was," a laughing Collings said.

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athlete of the week

Kristy Daniels

Just read the article. She does everything for the Synchronized Swimming Team.

Three, Two, One... MWC Keeps Winning Close Calls After Buzzer-Beater Against St. Mary's, Men's Basketball Wins Handily In Next Two Contests

By BRYAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College men's basketball team now controls their own destiny in the Capital Athletic Conference. With three consecutive wins this past week, a win over conference rival Salisbury State University will leave the Eagles perched atop their conference.

While the Eagles needed two last minute shots, one in regulation and one in overtime, to defeat St. Mary's College this past Saturday, no such extra period was needed to trounce visiting teams Villa Julie College and Gallaudet University later in the week. The Eagles now hold a 8-7 record, but more importantly hold a 5-2 record in the CAC.

After freshman guard Evan Fowler sent Saturday's game against St. Mary's into overtime, sophomore guard Brett Lively scored the winning basket to help the Eagles to a last-second 74-73 victory.

"This was a huge win for us," Lively said. "Winning this game gave us sole position of second place in our conference again, and St. Mary's is a big team in our conference."

The Eagles were led by Dan Dupras, who scored 17 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in thirty-four minutes of playing time. After being down by six points at halftime, Mary Washington outscored the visiting Seahawks 36-30 in the second half to force an overtime period. The Eagles played a tight third period and emerged victorious on Lively's lay-up with four seconds left on the clock in front of 829 fans.

"The crowd was a huge factor in the game," Lively said. "That was the biggest crowd we've had in a long time, and whenever you get a crowd out of that size, it gets you pumped up—you want to put on a good show for them."

The fans, too, seemed to appreciate the Eagles' effort during the game.

"The guys' team has shown that they really know how to play in pressure situations," said Caitlin Wilkinson, an injured guard on the women's team.

On Monday, the Eagles hosted Villa Julie in a non-conference game. MWC came out hard, and led 31-22 at halftime. Although the visiting Mustangs closed the gap early in the second period, the Eagles soared

to an eventual 81-66 victory. Senior forward Paul Stoddard led all scorers with a career-high 26 points—and the Eagles out rebounded Villa Julie 43-32, led by Dan Dupras and John Kidwell, who contributed 14 and 10 boards apiece.

"These two wins gave us a lot of momentum going into this upcoming week," Lively said. "We've got a few conference games coming up this week, and if we win both games we'll have first place in the CAC."

Even though the Eagles defeated Gallaudet 91-66 Wednesday night, the game's first half was a lot closer than the final tally. Mary Washington held a 43-36 lead over the Bisons at halftime, a period in which sophomore guard Dan Dupras picked up two fouls within the first three minutes. Although he only logged 22 minutes of playing time, Dupras led the Eagles with 22 points. John Kidwell and Brett Lively each contributed 13 points, and Paul Stoddard scored 12 points in the Mary Washington victory.

"This was a big game for us," Dupras said. "We've surprised a lot of teams in our conference so far this season. Nobody really picked us to be where we are right now, in position to take over the top slot in our conference."

Dupras pointed out sophomore guard Chris Hairston as a key contributor in the Gallaudet game. Hairston scored 15 points, had four blocked shots, and threw down a spectacular alley-oop dunk midway through the second half.

"Chris has been playing really well recently," Dupras said. "We've been really limited in the post this season, and Chris has stepped up and given us a lot of help in that area."

As the Eagles head into Saturday afternoon's 4 p.m. game at Salisbury State, their record is over .500 for the first time since Dec. 17. They hold a 5-2 record in their conference, have won three straight games and four out of their last five, and, perhaps most importantly, have held their past three opponents to under sixty points in regulation periods.

"We have enough weapons to score any time, any where," Dupras said. "Our defense has improved greatly; our offense has always been there. Now it's just a matter of putting together a complete game."



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Sophomore guard Chris Hairston makes his move for a sure two points against St. Mary's College.

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

By MICHELE TARTALIO
Assistant Sports Editor

Most students could never imagine the amount of effort Kristy Daniels puts into coaching, judging, advocating and participating in the Synchronized Swimming Team. One of two nationwide collegiate athlete representatives for the sport, Daniels has been performing in Synchronized Swimming since she was eight years old. As one of the oldest clubs on campus, the team is pushing for NCAA status to go varsity sometime in the near future.

"If we went varsity we would achieve national recognition as one of the few schools that has a team, thus increasing our recruiting pool for talented athletes," Daniels said. "National recognition would further the sports validity both on campus and

throughout the country."

Daniels, a junior from Middlesex, N.J., has been responsible for the team since their volunteer coach, Amy Simonsen, left for Minnesota last year before the National Championships. The team still managed to place 15th in the competition. Since the departure of their coach, Daniels has coordinated competitions, petitioned the Finance Committee, recruited new students and coached the team. Those are only some of her responsibilities in addition to swimming with the team.

"NCAA recognition would help give the team more support from the school and give the swimmers class credit for the amount of time they put into the sport," sophomore Caroline Otto said. "Going varsity would be good for the school because it would give Mary Washington more national recognition."

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The Crowd Goes Wild?

Athletes Try To Boost School Spirit And Attendance
By CAROLYN LYONS
Staff Writer

Student athletes have formed a committee of representatives to look after their own interests in a school they believe gives them no respect. Members of the Mary Washington College varsity sports teams have formed the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, or SAC, in order to have a venue to create school spirit around their numerous home athletic events. Many members feel that this committee gives them an outlet to discuss their concerns. SAC was developed three years ago and is under the guidance of women's lacrosse and field hockey coach Dana Hall.

"We were formed to protest the rights of the student athletes on campus," said Emily Williams, a junior representative of the swim team.

Williams also feels student athletes get no respect from the college in general. "The people at the games are other student athletes. I do not feel we are respected by the non-athlete student body," Williams said.

The committee representatives meet once a month to plan efforts and discuss concerns. All teams are welcome to send representatives, and it is the individual coach's responsibility to send the representatives.

"I believe that most of the teams were present at the last meeting," said Joe Petrick, a track runner.

Jessica Collins, a former member of the women's volleyball team, said the team was not aware of SAC.

"For whatever reason, the volleyball team is not a part of SAC. I would have been willing to represent my team if I had known about it," said Collins, who recently quit the team for personal reasons.

The committee's main concern for the present is the lack of school spirit at the college.

Whitney Raven, another SAC representative, explained that attendance at home games is an important asset to MWC teams.

"There is a real home team advantage when the stands are packed," Raven said. "The team works harder for the audience."



Slam-Dunking Cancer

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Sweet Victory

Women's Basketball Wins Two More

By KEVIN HICKERSON
Staff Writer

The determination of the Mary Washington College women's basketball team was finally rewarded as the Eagles took two out of three games this past week to improve to 10-5 overall and 3-4 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

"We had gotten into a slump," said senior forward Sarah Seale. "When one thing didn't happen, our defense and offense started falling."

On Jan. 17th, the Eagles dropped their third straight game at Catholic University 67-48. Seale was the only Eagle in double figures as she scored 14 points.

Although MWC made the same amount of shots as the Cardinals, the real key of the game was poor defensive execution that caused fouls and allowed Catholic to go 25-34 from the free throw line.

"We used our hands a little too much," said head coach Connie Gallahan. "We were pretty aggressive and the officials called the game. We just made too many fouls."

Last Saturday at home, Seale made a lay-up and the ensuing free throw with seven seconds left to beat visiting St. Mary's College 58-55.

MWC, down at half time 35-30, grabbed the lead with 13:18 left in the second half on a three-pointer by senior guard Bernice Kenney. The Eagles lead stretched to seven but St. Mary's answered with a 9-2 run. That is when Seale's lay-up clinched the victory.

"We were hesitant the whole game," Kenney said. "The one time the defense decided to move it actually turned out to be perfect."

The Eagles kept themselves in the game by hitting seven out of 11 shots from three-point range. MWC also held St. Mary's to 38 percent shooting in the second half.

The win snapped a 3 game losing streak, but the players tried to keep their emotions in check.

"We were looking for a long time to win. No one likes loosing," said senior forward Erin Caulfield, who led the team with 13 points. "It was a good win but then we look at it as 'This doesn't mean anything. We've got to keep going.'"

At home Tuesday against Gallaedt University, MWC led throughout the game and Caulfield scored 16 points and had 13 rebounds as the Eagles won 80-72.

Caulfield's double, her fourth this season, was the centerpiece of an offensive explosion. Sarah Seale had 16 points and Jill Hollenbeck contributed 10 points as the offense scored 80 points for the first time this season.

The Eagles shot 44 percent for the entire game and 40 percent from three-point range. MWC held Gallaedt to 24 for 67 shooting and opened up a lead that was a large as 17 points in the second half.

"I thought this game was very good for our offensive confidence," Gallahan said. "I think we gave up more points than our goal was, but we tried a lot of different defenses. I thought our defensive effort was excellent. I just think we made some mistakes and we're certainly going to use that to hopefully make our defense better."

White Snake Live At The Seacobek Rose Room!!!!

School Pride

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Collins agrees with SAC that Mary Washington College needs more school spirit.

"As a former athlete, I will continue to support all the teams," Collins said. "School spirit at this college is certainly lacking."

To date, the committee has no support or funding from the administration or the office of student activities. In fact, Student Affairs has refused attempts made by SAC to obtain a bulletin board in the Eagle's Nest where they can post upcoming home events. The secretary at the office said they did not believe the bulletin board would be worthwhile for the whole student body.

"There are many organizations requesting aid, and we look at each request based on its impact to the students as a whole," said Jordan Monroe, the student activities office student aide.

Instead, SAC has appealed to the Wood Company in their search for campus wide exposure, and the Wood Company agreed to supply a large banner hung in the Eagle's Nest for the committee's use. The Wood Company has also agreed to put flyers by the registers that will post upcoming home athletic events.

"The Wood Company has been very supportive and helpful with every request we have given them," said Williams, who dealt with the Wood Company concerning the banner.

Recently, SAC representatives made it their mission to fill the stands at a basketball home game. SAC advertised the game around campus and handed out noisemakers to encourage cheering in the stands. Coach Hall, the committee's advisor, purchased the noisemakers with her own money.

Marc Rhatigan, a recent graduate of MWC, attended this game and commented that he noticed the increase in spectators.

"I went to the game and asked myself, 'Am I really at Mary Washington?' There are so many people here," Rhatigan said.

Coach Hall has been more than supportive of her student representatives.

"She puts so much time and money into this committee, we really would be lost without her," Patrick said.

Williams, who has worked closely with Hall during her time on the committee, said that she was vital to all of the committee's activities.

"We wanted to put up signs advertising the basketball game, but there wasn't enough time to get them approved," Williams said. "Coach Hall told us to put them up anyway and that she'd take the heat because it was important."

Patrick, Raven and Williams all feel that the committee has made subtle yet noticeable impact.

"We only meet once a month, and with the

limited funding, I think we're doing pretty well," Raven said.

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Petrick cited the committee's recent project of a toy drive for the Head Start program. The athletic teams were able to adopt nineteen families for the holiday season.

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athlete of the week

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Just read the article. She does everything for the Synchronized Swimming Team.

Three, Two, One... MWC Keeps Winning Close Calls After Buzzer-Beater Against St. Mary's, Men's Basketball Wins Handily In Next Two Contests



By BRYAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College men's basketball team now controls their own destiny in the Capital Athletic Conference. With three consecutive wins this past week, a win over conference rival Salisbury State University will leave the Eagles perched atop their conference.

While the Eagles needed two last minute shots, one in regulation and one in overtime, to defeat St. Mary's College this past Saturday, no extra period was needed to trounce visiting teams Villa Julie College and Gallaudet University later in the week. The Eagles now hold a 8-7 record, but more importantly hold a 5-2 record in the CAC.

After freshman guard Evan Fowler sent Saturday's game against St. Mary's into overtime, sophomore guard Brett Lively scored the winning basket to help the Eagles to a last-second 74-73 victory.

"This was a huge win for us," Lively said. "Winning this game gave us sole position of second place in our conference again, and St. Mary's is a big team in our conference."

The Eagles were led by Dan Dupras, who scored 17 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in thirty-four minutes of playing time. After being down by six points at halftime, Mary Washington outscored the visiting Seahawks 36-30 in the second half to force an overtime period. The Eagles played a tight third period and emerged victorious on Lively's lay-up with four seconds left on the clock in front of 829 fans.

"The crowd was a huge factor in the game," Lively said. "That was the biggest crowd we've had in a long time, and whenever you get a crowd out of that size, it gets you pumped up—you want to put on a good show for them."

The fans, too, seemed to appreciate the Eagles' effort during the game.

"The guys' team has shown that they really know how to play in pressure situations," said Caitlin Wilkinson, an injured guard on the women's team.

On Monday, the Eagles hosted Villa Julie in a non-conference game. MWC came out hard, and led 31-22 at halftime. Although the visiting Mustangs closed the gap early in the second period, the Eagles soared

Sophomore guard Chris Hairston makes his move for a sure two points against St. Mary's College.

Joel Nelson/Bullet

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Guns 'N' Roses lead singer Axel Rose is from New Jersey, while guitarist Slash is from England.

to an eventual 81-66 victory. Senior forward Paul Stoddard led all scorers with a career-high 26 points—and the Eagles out rebounded Villa Julie 46-32, led by Dan Dupras and John Kidwell, who contributed 14 and 10 boards apiece.

"These two wins gave us a lot of momentum going into this upcoming week," Lively said. "We've got a few conference games coming up this week, and if we win both games we'll have first place in the CAC."

Even though the Eagles defeated Gallaudet 91-66 Wednesday night, the game's first half was a lot closer than the final tally. Mary Washington held a 43-36 lead over the Bisons at halftime, a period in which sophomore guard Dan Dupras picked up two faults within the first three minutes. Although he only logged 22 minutes of playing time, Dupras led the Eagles with 22 points. John Kidwell and Brett Lively each contributed 13 points, and Paul Stoddard scored 12 points in the Mary Washington victory.

"This was a big game for us," Dupras said. "We've surprised a lot of teams in our conference so far this season. Nobody really picked us to be where we are right now, in position to take over the top slot in our conference."

Dupras pointed out sophomore guard Chris Hairston as a key contributor in the Gallaudet game. Hairston scored 15 points, had four blocked shots, and threw down a spectacular alley-oop dunk midway through the second half.

"Chris has been playing really well recently," Dupras said. "We've been really limited in the post this season, and Chris has stepped up and given us a lot of help in that area."

As the Eagles head into Saturday afternoon's 4 p.m. game at Salisbury State, their record is over .500 for the first time since Dec. 17. They hold a 5-2 record in their conference, have won three straight games and four out of their last five, and, perhaps most importantly, have held their past three opponents to under sixty points in regulation periods.

"We have enough weapons to score any time, anywhere," Dupras said. "Our defense has improved greatly; our offense has always been there. Now it's just a matter of putting together a complete game."

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

By MICHELE TARTALIO

Assistant Sports Editor

Most students could never imagine the amount of effort Kristy Daniels puts into coaching, judging, advocating and participating in the Synchronized Swimming Team. One of two nationwide collegiate athlete representatives for the sport, Daniels has been performing in Synchronized Swimming since she was eight years old. As one of the oldest clubs on campus, the team is pushing for NCAA status to go varsity sometime in the near future.

"If we went varsity we would achieve national recognition as one of the few schools that has a team, thus increasing our recruiting pool for talented athletes," Daniels said. "National recognition would further the sports validity both on campus and

throughout the country."

Daniels, a junior from Middlesex, N.J., has been responsible for the team since their volunteer coach, Amy Simonsen, left for Minnesota last year before the National Championships. The team still managed to place 15th in the competition. Since the departure of their coach, Daniels has coordinated competitions, petitioned the Finance Committee, recruited new students and coached the team. Those are only some of her responsibilities in addition to swimming with the team.

"NCAA recognition would help give the team more support from the school and give the swimmers class credit for the amount of time they put into the sport," sophomore Caroline Otto said. "Going varsity would be good for the school because it would give Mary Washington more national recognition."

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The Crowd Goes Wild?

Athletes Try To Boost School Spirit And Attendance

BY CAROLYN LYONS

Staff Writer

Student athletes have formed a committee of representatives to look after their own interests in a school they believe gives them no respect. Members of the Mary Washington College varsity sports teams have formed the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, or SAC, in order to have a venue to create school spirit around their numerous home athletic events. Many members feel that this committee gives them an outlet to discuss their concerns. SAC was developed three years ago and is under the guidance of women's lacrosse and field hockey coach Dana Hall.

"We were formed to protest the rights of the student athletes on campus," said Emily Williams, a junior representative of the swim team.

Williams also feels student athletes get no respect from the college in general. "The people at the games are other student athletes. I do not feel we are respected by the non-athlete student body," Williams said.

The committee representatives meet once a month to plan efforts and discuss concerns. All teams are welcome to send representatives, and it is the individual coach's responsibility to send the representatives.

"I believe that most of the teams were present at the last meeting," said Joe Petrick, a track runner.

Jessica Collins, a former member of the women's volleyball team, said the team was not aware of SAC.

"For whatever reason, the volleyball team is not a part of SAC. I would have been willing to represent my team if I had known about it," said Collins, who recently quit the team for personal reasons.

The committee's main concern for the present is the lack of school spirit at the college.

Whitney Raven, another SAC representative, explained that attendance at home games is an important asset to MWC teams.

"There is a real home team advantage when the stands are packed," Raven said. "The team works harder for the audience."



Slam-Dunking Cancer

The Athletic Department sponsored Coach's Against Cancer at halftime of the MWC men's basketball game versus St. Mary's College. For more information, go to www.cancer.org

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Sweet Victory

Women's Basketball Wins Two More

By KEVIN HICKERSON
Staff Writer

The determination of the Mary Washington College women's basketball team was finally rewarded as the Eagles took two out of three games this past week to improve to 10-5 overall and 3-4 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

"We had gotten into a slump," said senior forward Sarah Seale. "When one thing didn't happen, our defense and offense started failing."

On Jan. 17th, the Eagles dropped their third straight game at Catholic University 67-48. Seale was the only Eagle in double figures as she scored 14 points.

Although MWC made the same amount of shots as the Cardinals, the real key of the game was poor defensive execution that caused fouls and allowed Catholic to go 25-34 from the free throw line.

"We used our hands a little bit too much," said head coach Connie Gallahan. "We were pretty aggressive and the officials called the game. We just made too many fouls."

Last Saturday at home, Seale made a lay-up and the ensuing free throw with seven seconds left to beat visiting St. Mary's College 58-55.

MWC, down at half time 35-30, grabbed the lead with 13:18 left in the second half on a three-pointer by senior guard Bernice Kenney. The Eagles lead stretched to seven but St. Mary's answered with a 9-2 run. That is when Seale's lay-up clinched the victory.

"We were hesitant the whole game," Kenney said. "The one time the offense decided to move it actually turned out to be perfect."

The Eagles kept themselves in the game by hitting seven out of 11 shots from three-point range. MWC also held St. Mary's to 38 percent shooting in the second half.

The win snapped a 3 game loosing streak, but the players tried to keep their emotions in check.

"We were looking for a long time to win. No one likes loosing," said senior forward Erin Caulfield, who led the team with 13 points. "It was a good win but then we look at it as 'This doesn't mean anything. We've got to keep going.'"

At home Tuesday against Gallaed University, MWC led throughout the game and Caulfield scored 16 points and had 13 rebounds as the Eagles won 80-72.

Caulfield's double, her fourth this season, was the centerpiece of an offensive explosion. Sarah Seale had 16 points and Jill Hollenbeck contributed 10 points as the offense scored 80 points for the first time this season.

The Eagles shot 44 percent for the entire game and 40 percent from three-point range. MWC held Gallaudet to 24 for 67 shooting and opened up a lead that was a large as 17 points in the second half.

"I thought this game was very good for our offensive confidence," Gallahan said. "I think we gave up more points than our goal was, but we tried a lot of different defenses. I thought our defensive effort was excellent. I just think we made some mistakes and we're certainly going to use that to hopefully make our defense better."

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School Pride

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Collins agrees with SAC that Mary Washington College needs more school spirit.

"As a former athlete, I will continue to support all the teams," Collins said. "School spirit at this college is certainly lacking."

To date, the committee has no support or funding from the administration or the office of student activities. In fact, Student Affairs has refused attempts made by SAC to obtain a bulletin board in the Eagle's Nest where they can post upcoming home events. The secretary at the office said they did not believe the bulletin board would be worthwhile for the whole student body.

"There are many organizations requesting aid, and we look at each request based on its impact to the students as a whole," said Jordan Monroe, the student activities office student aide.

Instead, SAC has appealed to the Wood Company in their search for campus wide exposure, and the Wood Company agreed to supply a large banner hung in the Eagle's Nest for the committee's use. The Wood Company has also agreed to put flyers by the registers that will post upcoming home athletic events.

"The Wood Company has been very supportive and helpful with every request we have given them," said Williams, who dealt with the Wood Company concerning the banner.

Recently, SAC representatives made it their mission to fill the stands at a basketball home game. SAC advertised the game around campus and handed out noisemakers to encourage cheering in the stands. Coach Hall, the committee's advisor, purchased the noisemakers with her own money.

Marc Rhatigan, a recent graduate of MWC, attended this game and commented that he noticed the increase in spectators.

"I went to the game and asked myself, 'Am I really at Mary Washington?' There are so many people here," Rhatigan said.

Coach Hall has been more than supportive of her student representatives.

"She puts so much time and money into this committee, we really would be lost without her," Patrick said.

Williams, who has worked closely with Hall during her time on the committee, said that she was vital to all of the committee's activities.

"We wanted to put up signs advertising the basketball game, but there wasn't enough time to get them approved," Williams said. "Coach Hall told us to put them up anyway and that's what take the heat because it was important."

Patrick, Raven and Williams all feel that the committee has made subtle yet noticeable impact.

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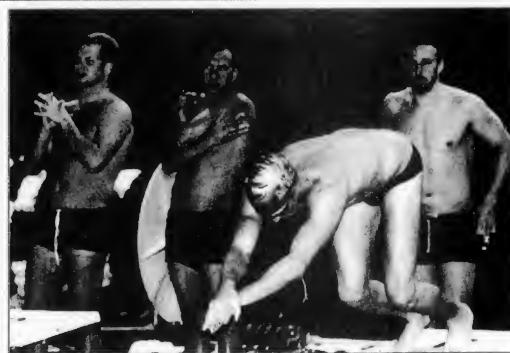
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"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

It's Not Just 'Any Given Sunday'

By BRYAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's Super Bowl time, folks—a time when commercial lovers and football fans across America come together to sit back in armchairs, perch on bar stools, or stretch out on couches to tune in to *The Game*.

For many college students, the Super Bowl holds special meaning, and many already have plans for Sunday's contest between the New York Giants and Baltimore Ravens.

"When I was in high school, my friends would all get together, eat food, and watch the game," said sophomore Marc St. Pierre. "Last year, we had people come over to our dorm and pretty much did the same thing. People who didn't like football would watch the commercials."

As for this Sunday night, his plans are pretty much the same.

"This year, I get to watch my Giants with my RA and his friends over in Snowden," he said. "And *NSYNC is performing at halftime, so I'll be sure to watch that too."

Aside from sitting around and watching the game, what exactly will people in Fredericksburg be doing Jan. 28?

Many local bars are offering discounts to patrons during the Super Bowl. Downtown, Spanky's will provide an appetizer buffet and offer happy hour specials to fans during the game. The discounted beer and food is similar to that offered by chain restaurants.

Carlos O'Kelly's is offering ten-ounce draughts for \$1 and a \$1.50 bowl of soup, while Tia's ever-popular nacho bar may return to Tia's.

Tia's is not the only restaurant unsure of specials at this time; a manager at Damon's (The Place For Ribs) said that the restaurant is still taking reservations, but won't know about specials until later this week.

One local establishment that is sure of its deals Sunday night is Hard Times Cafe.

"We're going to extend our happy hour through the game," Glen Melvin, owner of the local branch, said. "That means that we're going to have discounted drafts and pitchers."

As for food and fun, Hard Times is offering half-price buffalo wings and onion rings.

"We also have six television sets, so the

game's definitely going to be on," Melvin added. With all the options open, what will college students, both fans and non-fans, be doing for the Super Bowl?

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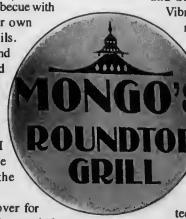
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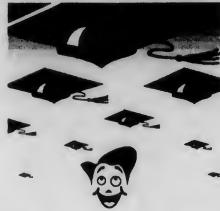
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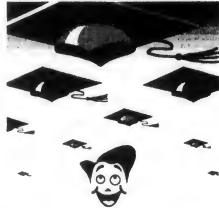
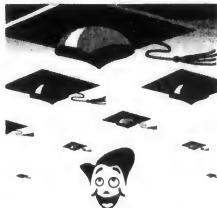
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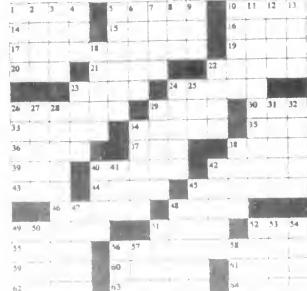
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Dodd And Great Hall Can't Hold Large Musical Acts

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Indoor concerts at the venues available on campus also present Giant Productions with several problems.

"When scheduling a band, Giant also has to consider the wear and tear on staging, and the power grid," Goodstein said. "Places like the Great Hall don't have the capacity and outlets to hold large shows. The way the room is wired, it prohibits us from doing shows that require a lot of lighting. It's limiting."

At times, electrical considerations and the venue limitations have forced Giant Productions to decline certain bands. Moby, a DJ who specializes in dance and techno music, is one such artist.

"We had to turn down Moby, because they had so much equipment," Scarr said. "It was solely because he had a production that was two trailers full."

Despite these obstacles, Giant was able to book the band MxPx to play last semester. But in the end the band called off the show due to an illness of one of the band members.

"Although they canceled, I think getting MxPx was a great thing. It was definitely more than I expected," freshman David Zedonek said.

While Mary Washington College may not be able to support bigger-name bands, smaller bands and lesser-known artists have found the campus accommodating to their needs. Lucky Town, a guitar based rock band rising in popularity along the East Coast, played at Rocktoberfest during the fall semester. Recently, the Underground was host to the jazz band Blues Works, and in the Great Hall on Jan. 27 Giant Productions and the Symfonics will host the a Capella group, Ball in the House.

"We are looking into some of the smaller bands all the time," Darcy said. "I would like to have some big shows, but the little ones totally widen the scope of music I listen to."

Elena Rousseau, a junior, believes that smaller, more diverse bands may actually be beneficial to students.

"The music culture on our campus has a lot of room to expand and diversify," Rousseau said. "I think we've got a lot of kids that would respond really well to some different things."

According to Goodstein this is exactly what Giant Productions is aiming for.

"The idea of Giant is to provide continuous and ongoing entertainment the whole year," Goodstein said. "The bottom line is we can't do 'NSYNC and groups like that. We don't have the facilities. Also, whenever you start talking about the more major bands, it drives all the costs up. Which in turn would force us to look at ticket costs."

Every year, Giant Productions is given a specified amount of money for the two semesters. The budget is based on the previous year's expenditures and proposed budget for the coming year. According to Goodstein, the current budget for Giant is \$83,368.

"The funds we have now are about \$10,000 less than last year's budget," Scarr said. "We thought we had money left over from last year, and after we did the new budget we realized the money wasn't there."

Due to the costs it takes to book an act, the decrease has added to the complications Giant Productions faces when scheduling events.

"Bands have fixed prices for their concerts," Scarr said. "Most major acts can cost anywhere

from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Also, there's a lot of money that goes into shows, it's way more than just the price of the band."

According to Scarr, if the band requires a bigger sound system than the one the college owns, thousands of dollars can be added on to the costs. Combined with hospitality expenses such as hotels and catering for the bands, these expenditures drive down the cost effectiveness of larger productions.

"Bigger auditoriums can hold lots of people and make money back on the concerts," Scarr said. "We can't sell as many tickets with such a small location. So in the end, we would lose money."

To some students though, big name acts aren't a big deal.

"I think they do a good job with what they have," Rousseau said. "It doesn't matter about the name or the size of the show, just as long as it's great music."

Bill Would Increase College Funding

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The team's lobbying efforts should be furthered by the upcoming trip that Ron Singleton, senior vice pres for advancement and college relations, and William Anderson, college president, intend to make to Richmond.

Winslow mentioned the difficulty in getting representatives from so many schools to cooperate on the same issue.

"Overall, I think the idea of VSLA is a sound one, however there are some areas in which we need to improve," Winslow said. "For instance, some VSLA folks lobbied for their institution, rather than for VSLA—a bad idea when you're trying to establish credibility for a new group in Richmond."

The next VSLA meeting will be held at Mary Washington College, with the group's primary goal being to reform the organization's constitution.

"We don't really have any set order about how we go about deciding what we're going to lobby and what student needs are," Lydon said.

The group wants a new constitution to read that, within the VSLA every college will find two or three bills to support. If every school can't get behind the bill, VSLA won't lobby for the legislation.

The next meeting will also feature an award ceremony for the BOV member who drafted the BOV student representative bill that the VSLA lobbied last year.

But in the meantime, according to Winslow, Mary Washington College's VSLA members are very happy with Monday's efforts.

"From what I saw in Richmond, Mary Washington has the most effective Legislative Action Committee in the whole state," Winslow said. "We were definitely noticed. We got the job done."



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